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NEXT BOARD MEETING (Open)
Thursday, March 1, 8 p. m.
Brazilian Room, Tilden Park

THIS MONTH'S COVER

Chief Lester Divine, Grand Marshall, leads the International Footprinters Association Convention Parade, 1951. Parade Chairman, Sgt. Eddie Martin carries the flag.

FROM THE EDITOR'S POCKET:

As Editor of the Trail Blazer one has to be careful about cleaning out pockets before throwing the jeans into the washing machine. That paper bill in the pocket for emergencies when the horse gets a flat tire, comes through the wash nicely, but paper napkins such as some of these notes were written on disintegrate.

Trail Blazer Apologizes

We're filled with indigo remorse—we got our BAR and our BAR-NS mixed up last month. Blanche Paul had an ad for the sale of her house on the back cover last month. She 'phoned in dismay . . . "Before the traffic on Brunnel Drive gets too heavy, please do something about my ad." What Blanche intended to advertise with her beautiful home was a "Convenient BARN" not a "Convenient BAR." If you are lucky enough to buy her house you can take your steed from one of the three large box stalls or your three steeds Roman style, and lope to a BAR in nothing flat if you want to. Please read her corrected ad.

Trail Leaders Wanted

Mrs. I. R. Thompson and her daughters Inez, Sylvia and Rosalie, will organize Trail Leaders for Saturday and Sunday rides during 1951. All are thoroughly acquainted with the city and regional park trails. Mrs. Thompson will also act as Trail Representative for MHA at the Oakland Recreation Department Council meetings. Thanks to the foresight of Sidney Chown, MHA rides will be more frequent this year (if the rains ever cease) and will be listed in the "What To Do and Where To Go" column in the local newspaper.

ASSISTANT TRAIL LEADERS ARE WANTED. Please phone Mrs. Thompson at KEllog 2-2381.

New Trail Blazer Staff

The ad for assistants on the staff brought results. Bonny Hooper, Mabel Smith's daughter responded first. Bonny was born on a ranch in Lakeview, Oregon, and has ridden ever since she could toddle. She graduated from Piedmont High School and won the trophy at graduation for the "best all-around student." She became assistant buyer for the Emporium in San Francisco. She married Leigh (Bud) Hooper and the couple now have two children, Sandra and Susan. The youngsters both ride and consider their MHA memberships the best Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Noni Nichols of Mountain Boulevard was the second person to respond to the appeal. She owns two horses, Adorable Devil, American saddlebred, who at 3 years won Champion Model Stallion of California, and Big Bill, sorrel. Noni and her daughter Joan are frequently seen riding on the trails.

During WWII, Mrs. Nichols was secretary to the executive officer at the Oakland Naval Supply Center and later was connected with the public relations office where she was assistant editor of the weekly Naval Supply Depot Bulletin.

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FIRST 1951 MEETING SCHEDULED



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Brazilian Room, Tilden Park

Thursday, March 1, 8 p. m.

Program—

East Bay Regional Park District

Motion Pictures

Open discussion of horsemen's problems

Refreshments

Howard Young, Chairman

LET'S GET COUNTED

No doubt it is great fun to count the bathing beauties and lesser beauties on the Temescal Regional Park beaches and come to a big total regarding citizens using the parks. It is not as easy to count the horseback riders who are dashing hither and yon over the trails. The March 1 meeting will be the horsemen's opportunity to show how many of these colorful people also enjoy the parks.

Redwood Regional Park is fairly well known to a few riders but many have actually covered only a few of its 4,400 acres. Many, clutching leather, dash unseeingly by the hundreds of varieties of wildflowers and birds. We can all discover something new in this area.

Charles Lee Tilden Park covers 2065 acres with 50 miles of hiking and bridle trails. FIFTY MILES. . . and swimming and boating, 18 holes of golf, picnic areas, playfields, and a noted botanical garden of California natives, are other attractions.

LET'S HAVE A BIG ATTENDANCE AT THE MARCH 1 MEETING AND SHOW OUR APPRECIATION TO THE PARK OFFICIALS.

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The cut above pictures the Brazilian Room at Tilden Park and the main routes of approach. Loaned through the courtesy of Richard Walpole, General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District.

Boots and Jeans

Prior to the holidays, one hundred and thirty-five brave souls turned out for a chuck wagon breakfast sponsored by the Boots and Jeans and served by Mel Coe. The outdoor breakfast and trail ride had been planned, but rain caused a move to the Big Bear where dancing was enjoyed to the music of Dusty Dale's orchestra.

Wedding bells as well as jingle bells rang at the Christmas party. Althea Dorsey and Dennis Harrison were married at a seven o'clock ceremony followed by a full course turkey dinner cooked and served by Lillian and Whitey Deuel. Ted Hofer acting as Santa Claus handed out presents to everyone. A lovely evening was terminated with the singing of Christmas carols and dancing and the year ended with everyone looking forward to a successful fifth year for the Boots and Jeans.

The first social of 1951 was held on January 17 and was attended by 85 members and guests. A white-elephant sale was the high light of the evening and was followed by games and square dancing. The climax was the tamale feed served by Dutch Cummings and Bobbye Stewart.

Oakland Police Mounted Group

When the Oakland Police Mounted Division announced target practice recently, almost all of the members appeared. The unit did themselves proud with officers Laithen, Hall, Haneberg, Gilroy, Cosca, and Hunter running up scores of over 175 out of a possible 200. Laithen had 183.

A class in Orientation was held at the City Hall on January 8 under the supervision of Inspector Lawrence and President Drury voiced his satisfaction at the fine attendance. New recruits were present and the Mounted Division will probably soon have their entire quota. Captain Harry Peckham, as usual, was busy seeing that everyone was comfortable. The unit is meeting at the City Hall, Courtroom 2, on Monday nights.

Alameda Co. Mounted Sheriff's Posse

The Posse sponsored a real western Xmas party for 60 children whose lives do not include horses. Held at the Skyline Ranch, the party included the thrill of that first pony ride, presents distributed by Santa Claus Guy Skelton, a rodeo performance by the Blacks and Loretta Cosca, and jumbo hot dogs and other refreshments sufficient to satisfy any inner-child. The well-planned party was the work of Cal Tisher, chairman.

Led by Captain James A. Myers, the color guard, Joseph Cosca, Roger Farrar, Bill Senecal, Joe Merritt, Bob Hubbard, Art Palmer, Rod Williams, and Joe Stern, represented the Posse at the East-West Shrine game.

Aahmes Shrine Rangers

Leading the Mounted Patrol for 1951 will be Captain Emmett Boger. President David Clay Jones will be assisted by Henry F. Gede, Jr., Vice-President; Colonel Adams, Secretary; Joseph E. Young, Treasurer.

Lawrence D. Sweetman welcomed into the unit recently is currently searching for a pinto. Clarence and Lucille Simons are bringing a new horse from Southern California.

Lari-ettes

New officers for the Lari-ettes are: Alberta Weisgerber, President; Nina Stern, Secretary; Florence Cosca, Treasurer; Margaret Rukavina, Captain.

On Friday night, March 16, the Lari-ettes will hold their annual dance at the Big Bear Tavern. Peg Talstrom will have tickets available at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Plans are already under way for the annual horse show, which will probably be held in April.

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MEMBERSHIPS MAY BE SECURED from any of the following enthusiastic members: Si Simons, Aahmes Shrine Rangers; Joe Stern, Alameda County Sheriff's Posse; Ted Talstrom, Wagon Wheel Ranch; Bruce Orcutt, Pinto Ranch; Ollie Curry, Wildwood; Bob Lorimer, Oakland; Jimmy Black, Skyline Ranch; Mrs. A. Stefani, Skyline Kitchen; Jerald Hansen, Juniors; Bill Patten, Piedmont; Ed Martin, Footprinters.

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Miss Graham's

A splendid group of young riders, ages ten to thirteen, include Diana Shoemaker, Lynn Huovinen, Linda Bandel, Joan Peterson, Sally Sherman, Paula Roberts, Susan Hart, and Dode Jenkins. All of these girls are from Piedmont.

Whenever the rains stop Mr. Sherwood Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Denton, Mr. Russell King, Mr. Hauxhurst, Judy Hauxhurst, Mrs. Sue Gorie, Nancy Ponten, Pat Porter, Mrs. Harry Fair, Mrs. Litzter, Mr. and Mrs. John Wyman, Mr. Harrison Davis, Mr. Howard Young — start for the trails. Young Shirley Roberts is another steady rider, her favorite mount being Miss Graham's horse Colonel.

John Wyman recently purchased Winky from Miss Graham; Nance Ponten has a new American saddlebred gelding Grey Rebel who has been shown in five gaited and fine harness classes.

Marge Wilson of Niles has been riding in this area although her own horses including a registered Morgan stallion, are kept at Sunol.

Green Barn

Vital statistics at the Green Barn include the marriage of A. E. (Pete) Little to Edith Purcell and the wedding of Prentiss Monson to Miss Betty Lee of Seattle.

Absent from the trails for some time, Katherine Bennett of Orinda, recently purchased a horse and has rejoined the MHA.

Road and construction work on Daniels' Hill is progressing.

Wagon Wheel Ranch

New boarders and horses at Wagon Wheel Ranch include: Mrs. George and her grey horse Elmer; Paul Wooten and a pinto mare; Ronnie Casaleggio and his first horse Paint; Wallie Pimentel and Star.

Tam Beaver has purchased Dixie, buckskin mare from Leon Pace and Mrs. Bilsky purchased Dorreen Decker's mare Red. Nancy Gladding of Berkeley has a new mare, Shawnee.

Pinto Ranch

Cupid's arrow has struck again at Pinto and the wedding bells tolled in Reno on January 5 for Ruth Horst and Bruce Orcutt who will live at the ranch. Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seyrl and their ponies were welcomed at the ranch recently.

New blankets for many horses and a new Visalia Humane bit for Pat Wirt's horse Toy, were some of the Xmas gifts at Pinto.

Clubs having representatives at the Pinto are: M. H. A. Juniors Jean Urig and Pat Wirt; Footprinters Louis Barious, Leo Raschdorf, Sergeant Jorgenson; Boots and Jeans, Judy White. Riding daily, rain or shine, is Bob Joyce.

Louis Albert treasures the splendid letter received from Colonel T. G. Jenkins, Commanding Officer, Camp Stoneman commending the horsemen for their performance at the invitation horse show at the camp. Some 6,000 soldiers were perhaps made happier before their departure to Korea.

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Piedmont Stables

New mounts at the Piedmont are those belonging to Mrs. Elsie Xavier, Ray Hannenberg, Johnny Rheggani and Mrs. Lataillade, formerly owner of the Oxbow Ranch in Oregon.

Items of interest: Russ Ivy who has been ill for a year is now beginning to ride again. Mrs. Dettmer and her three daughters, Dorothea, Alfreda and Elsie, and Mitch and Mabel Robbins trekked to southern California for the holidays.

On January 21st the boarders gathered for breakfast at the Round Up and those who attended were Harold Knudsen, Ed Gallagher, Russ Ivy, the Dettmer family, Oneita Clark, Mary Peckham, F. McNamare, Charlie and Theresa Rezzaghi, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sherburne.

Cressmount

The Thirteenth Annual Holiday Matinee was held on Sunday, January 7 with a group of sailors and marines from Oak Knoll Hospital as special guests.

Ring officials were resplendent in comic attire and the ring was gaily decorated. Among the interesting events were the traditional Carrot Tree open to riders 8 years and under, the fathers' class, musical kegs, and a drill by the Pegasus Patrol.

A special event for the pleasure of the guests was a pair class with the guests participating.

Lew Helms Stables

Caroline and Ted Bechtel with their three children, Tamara, Steven, and Dwight, have joined the group at Lew Helms Stables. Their horses Jim, Flicka, and Black Beauty have arrived at the stables along with Dwight's new Xmas saddle. Dell and Johnnie Owen, their pinto Chiquita, and part Morgan thoroughbred Chamaco are new members at the Helms stables.

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Robert Russell is having a lot of fun with his two 7 months old fillies that he keeps at Wildwood. Diane Lombardi has her thoroughbred colt at the ranch to be trained. Bob Walton has parted with his pinto stallion Prince, and Dot Pendo sold her palomino gelding Valle to G. W. Woods of Pittburgh. Come spring, they will be looking for new mounts.

Rain or shine finds Ward Gallo on the trails regularly with his sturdy pal, Stormy. Louis Sylvia is riding a buckskin quarter type gelding. Helen Peters, after a two weeks sojourn in the hospital, is again riding her chestnut gelding, Red Wing.

CELIA GRAY WINS VAN SINDEREN AWARD

Celia Gray from Walnut Creek, at twelve years of age, was the youngest winner of the Van Sinderen Trophy, Western Division. She traveled to New York for the presentation ceremonies on January 5th, at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria. There were about 400 present for the speeches, luncheon, and Mr. Van Sinderen's address.

Finals for the Medal classes were held at the Cow Palace, San Francisco, in November. Throughout, Celia rode her little bay stock horse, Joey, to which she attributes most of her success. Joey has just been given to Celia's youngest sister, Wags, and this season Celia plans to ride English only.

One of the biggest thrills of her whole visit east was receiving telegrams of congratulation from California, including one from Governor Warren.

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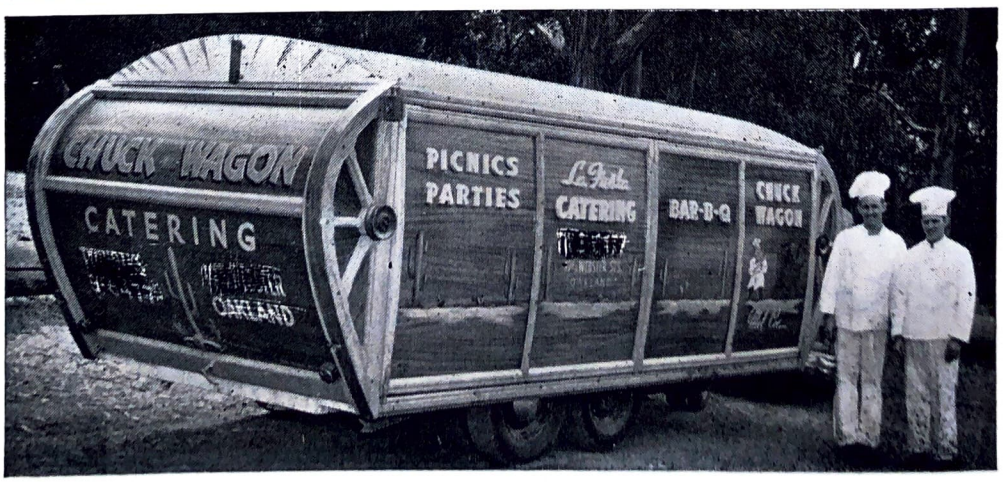
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SKYLINE RANCH NEWS

Horse interest mounts with the coming of Spring and the fat and "sassy" horses are already shedding their winter coats and hoping for that slick and shiny look. Skyline Ranch extends a cordial invitation to anyone to drop in anytime and look around.

Now stabling at Skyline is Coyote owned by Bev Theobald, parade stallion "Muchacho De Oro" belonging to Dr. and Mrs. Pontius, and Jubilee Gold, Don Nicholson's champion. A sorrel mare and a promising colt by Golden Bomber one of the best palomino stallions in the U. S., have been brought to the ranch by Barbara Legge.

Buck Wilkinson the piano man, continues to run competition with Lee Dahloff, Arthur Denton, and Carl Ried for "steadiest rider" honors, all riding from five to seven days a week.

Eddie Carey brought in a registered saddle bred gelding recently and has been riding him alternately English and western, the horse handling nicely either way. Earl Nanninga of Skyline Saddle Shop has already won ribbons in breeding and pleasure classes with his registered quarter horse stallion Wonder Red. This colt has a promising future and Earl intends to stand him later to approved mares.

Les Wieslander has returned from the east and is again riding his little black stocking-legged horse Shorty. Ed Martin bought Mary Gale's sorrel mare and with his other horse Red has a fine matched pair. Frank Ransome's horse Tony is in training and has all the earmarks of making a working cow-horse.

Gil Ashcom bought Joe from Charlie Gray who has had to give up riding for awhile because of a bad back. Everyone hopes to see Charlie mounted again soon.

Jimmy Black is training many young horses for pleasure and stock work and is planning to have cattle on the ranch so that anyone wishing horses trained for show ring competition in the stock horse classes can get a real job done.

The Skyline Kitchen continues to be a popular meeting place for all the local horse folks. It's a sure bet that anytime you drop in for a cup of coffee or one of those fine meals, you will meet some of your friends.

Little Steven Cosca is toddling around now and will be a junior cowboy soon.

Have you paid your 1951 dues? Lorenza Stefani or Jimmy Black would like your money.



Civilian Defense Mounted Unit of Auxiliary Police lines up for first meeting on Skyline Boulevard. Lieutenant Danielson, Co-ordinator of Civilian Defense stands beside Ed Burgk, captain of the unit.

MOUNTED UNIT FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE

If bombs come, the Civilian Defense Mounted Unit of Auxiliary Police is organized to assist and protect the citizens of the East Bay in such an emergency. Chief Lester Divine has appointed Ed Burgk as captain of the unit and eighty horsemen have already signed up. Given a "roving assignment" in times of emergency, the unit will be of vital importance in areas where automobiles will be barred.

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Upon his return to California, he was associated with the Bar 10 Ranch at Malibu where he worked with English and western horses. One of the lucky horses schooling with Bev now is Bucky Johnstone's Rahadah.

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If you have information for a character story such as the above, please send it to your editor.

JUNIOR HORSEMEN

Jerald Hansen, Director in charge of junior activities would like to see more juniors at the meetings which will be held on the first Saturday of every month at 1:30 p. m. at the Himmelman Clubhouse, 3731 Redwood Road.

Plans for the relay and drill teams are under way. The Shongehon riders of Cressmount have challenged the MHA Junior Relay Team to a relay stake race on March 4.

Assisting Jerald Hansen this year will be Deane Burton and Joe Stern.

The following juniors have signed up with the group: Rosalie Cox, Diane Roberts, Carol Williams, Mike Williams, Joan Chapton, Margie Tennant, Peggy Brown, Barbara Dorsey, Shirley Wilcox, Caroline Peterson, Diane Lombardi, Joe Barnard, Shirley Isham, Barbara Isham, Bob McKinstry, Owen Martin, Bernie Cummings, Lea Buck, Roy Anderson, Beth Pettebone, Ward Gallo, Pat Wirt, and Dolores Doyas.

MHA MEMBERS ATTENTION

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The club securing the greatest number of memberships receives the custodianship of the CSHA colors, may carry them in any parade, and leads the state convention parade.

MHA could lead the parade at Fresno in 1951! If each MHA member could secure one Associate Member for CSHA there would be no doubt about the winner. Fill out the application below and mail it to George Walling, FIFTH REGION VICE-PRESIDENT, 2713 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland 12.

REGION ZONING COMMITTEE DOING SPLENDID JOB

Appointed by Region Vice-President George Walling to work with the Alameda County Planning Commission, the Zoning Committee has done a worthwhile job. A most successful joint meeting was held on January 16 when the zoning of the unincorporated areas in Castro Valley was discussed. The committee was readily accepted by the Planning Commission and the two groups worked together as a team.

At the close of the meeting one of the commissioners remarked, "We need more of this type of cooperation. By securing the horsemen's views before we make our final decision, we of course, have a better opportunity to reach a satisfied and friendly feeling."

REGIONAL DINNER

The first meeting of the 5th Region of the California State Horsemen's Association was held on January 26 at "Our House" in San Leandro. The dinner was sponsored by the Eden Horsemen with Helen Rochi as chairman assisted by Jack Richards, Frank Mello, Ethel Totten, R. Jones, Paul Brewer, D. Chambers, D. Murchison, and Mrs. G. Hunter.

Prominent guests were Dr. Roger C. Daniels, President CSHA and Mr. Ray Stone, Secretary, Senator Arthur H. Breed, Jr., Honorable Clifford Rishell, Assemblyman Randal S. Dickey, Mr. Frank M. King, Manager San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Roger W. Anderson, Manager, Hayward Chamber of Commerce, Sheriff Gleason, George Walling, Fifth Region Vice-President and Fred Anderson, Junior Past President.

Attending the dinner were representatives of horsemen's groups from Contra Costa County, Livermore, Berkeley, Martinez, Castro Valley, and Oakland.

Charles L. Hall represented the MHA and other MHA members attending were: Mrs. George Walling, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Thomas, Mrs. G. S. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stern.

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FOOTPRINTERS NEWS

Due to inclement weather there has been little riding activity as far as the Mounted Unit, Oakland Chapter 7, International Footprint Association is concerned but business and social events have continued as usual.

Fifteen members, their wives and girl friends, joined the Contra Costa Rangers at their installation of officers on January 13, with George Walling acting as installing officer. A tasty dinner and a general good time was enjoyed at the Orinda Roost.

Plans for 1951 were discussed at a meeting held on January 15 at Mel Coe's.

Babe Tallarico and Ted Jahn have sold their horses and are in the market for some sorrels.

Dear Kay Jones,

No one can really appreciate the excellent job you did on the Trail Blazer last year unless they too, have tried to edit an issue. How did you get everything lined up so well and get all those fancy stories? You did a marvelous job in putting out a first-class paper. How did you do it so cheerfully and efficiently? A grand disposition and experience are no doubt the answer.

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Here's to you—one of MHA's best workers.

(P. S.—I hid this back here so you wouldn't find it. Who's blushing now? Not A. G. C.)

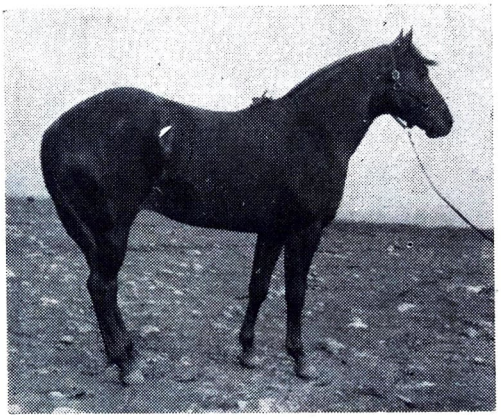
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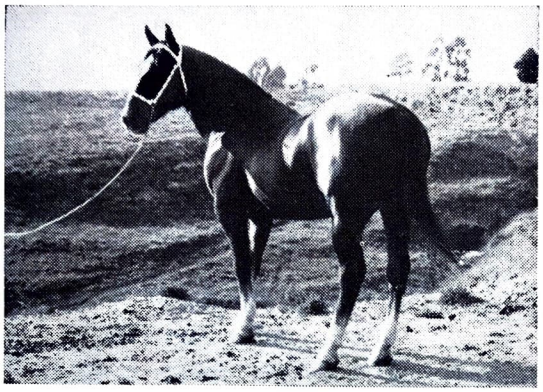
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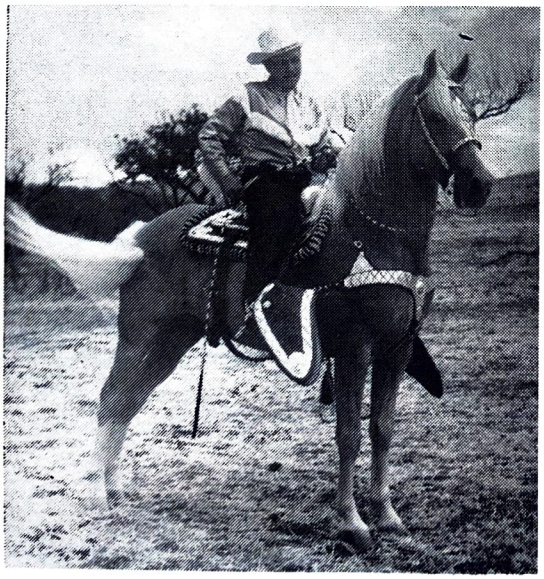
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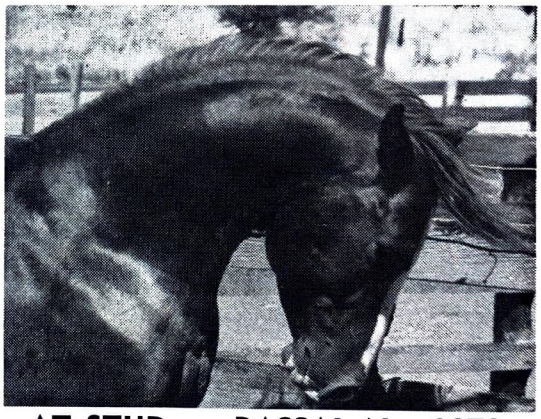
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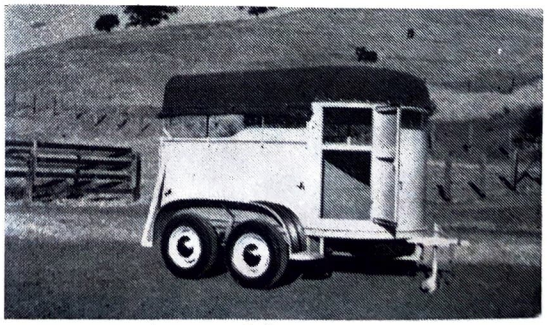
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